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2 3 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 7 **WESTERN DIVISION** 8 CASE NO. CV 03-1647-R(RZx) 9 In re REZULIN LITIGATION ΊÒ u MUKARYTZ GODBOULD KAYE SCHOLERUP 12 Plaintiffs. 13 14 15 16 et al. 17 Defendants. 18 Defendants removed this action from state court to this Court alleging diversity 19 jurisdiction. Defendants asserted that Jerrold Olefsky and McKesson Corp., both of 20 whom are California residents, were fraudulently joined. Plaintiffs moved to remand 21 to state court. The motions came on for hearing by the Court on April 21, 2003. 22

advised in the matter, the Court denies the motion.

The Court finds that Dr. Jerrold Olefsky ("Dr. Olefsky"), a patent-holder and clinical investigator, owed no legal duty to any of the plaintiffs, and, therefore, there is no possibility that the plaintiffs can prove a cause of action against Dr. Olefsky.

Having considered the motions and other documents in support of and in

opposition to the motions, having heard the arguments of counsel, and being fully

Thus, Dr. Olefsky must be disregarded for purposes of determining federal diversity

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The Court further finds that there is no possibility that plaintiffs could prove a cause of action against McKesson, an entity which distributed this FDA-approved medication to pharmacists in California. Pursuant to comment k of the Restatement (Second) of Torts Section 402A and California law following comment k, a distributor of a prescription drug is not subject to strict liability.

Accordingly, this Court has diversity jurisdiction over each of these actions. The motion to remand is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 28, 2003

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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